I am utterly unable to serve Jerningham; my interference would injure his cause. Perregaux thinks Charretife gave an impression of me at first as a dangerous man, which my cautious, exemplary conduct has not been able to do away. But he and Charretife hate each other; so I do not give full credit to his suspicion. Barthfelemy is of very little consequence, and probably not able to procure my return; indeed, by all accounts, the whole set are by the ears.

I had a letter yesterday from Lord Malmesbury's secretary, who says great attention had been paid them on the road and at Lille, where they are lodged at FHotel Bourbon. I know nothing of the negotiations at Lille, and it would be impossible to distinguish the truth from the different reports made me.

August Jth, 1797.

I have just received a letter from Lord Malmesbury, who makes use of the following remarkable expressions: " I am sorry we are placed

at such a distance from each other as to make **our** meeting for the present very unlikely. I